

MEET THE GLOBAL NUTRITION CLUSTER RAPID RESPONSE TEAM



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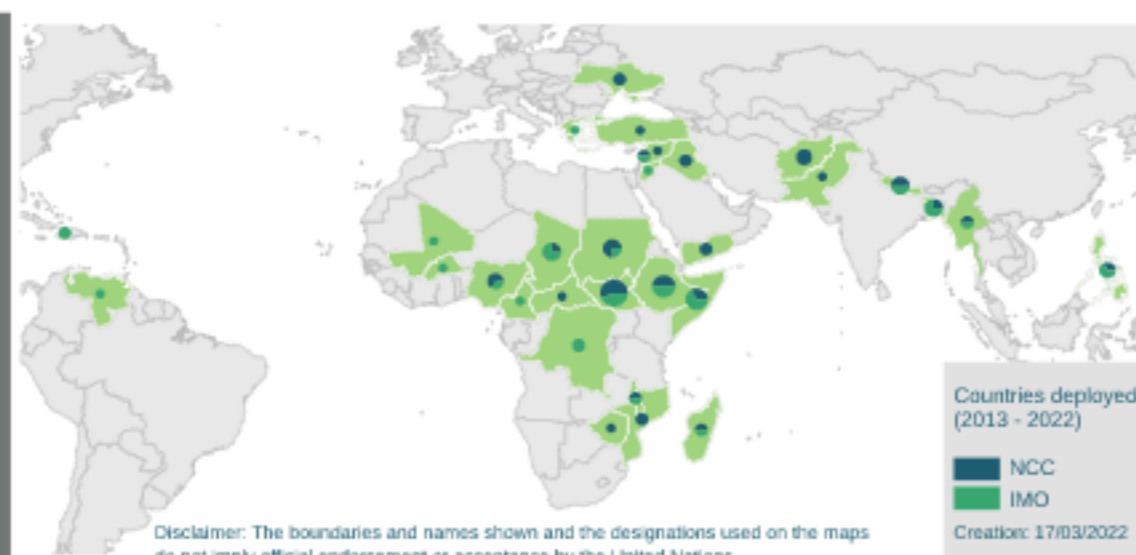
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A Request Form and a ToR should be provided for every request

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RAPID RESPONSE TEAM [RRT]

A Global Nutrition Cluster initiative to provide emergency operational support to country nutrition clusters following an emergency



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What is RRT?

The purpose of the Global Nutrition Cluster (GNC) RRT is to provide coordination and information management support in nutrition in emergencies (NIE), as requested. We respond to requests by rapidly deploying – in-country or remotely – nutrition cluster coordinators (NCCs) and information management officers (IMOs) who have the required technical capacity to meet the needs and priorities of at risk and crisis affected people. This support is provided to enable a timely and coordinated response to improved emergency nutrition interventions. The RRT is part of the Technical Support Team (TST), which is one of the three main streams of work of the GNC Technical Alliance (GNC TA).

Who is part of the RRT?

The RRT consists of four experienced professionals – two Nutrition Cluster Coordinators and two Information Management Officers* – with proven technical skills and the necessary nutrition expertise. As of January 2022, the RRT sits solely under the GNC and all RRT members are contracted through UNICEF (cluster lead agency), either as staff or individual consultants, with funding currently provided by UNICEF Switzerland and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The RRT is led and overseen by the Team Leader, GNC- Operational Support.
*See the section "Meet the team" to read more about the RRT.

How long does RRT provide support?

The RRT members can provide dedicated surge capacity, both in-country and remotely, to any country office and are deployable within 72 hours (depending on visa procedures). Emergency in-country support is usually provided for up to 8 weeks, with a possible extension for a period of up to 12 weeks. It is the responsibility of the country office to organise for and recruit a longer-term NCC or IMO, if needed.



Sharing experiences and lessons learnt workshop on Integrating nutrition in the response to Ebola virus disease outbreak held in Goma DR Congo from 13th to 16th May 2019; supported by the GNC helpdesk and RRT.

ROLE of the RRT

The GNC RRTs provide support in the following capacities:

Nutrition Cluster Coordinator (NCC)

The main purpose of NCCs is to support the GNC in effectively strengthening the capacity for country-level Cluster/Sectoral Coordination, by:

- Coordinating nutrition partners to ensure that gaps are identified and filled and overlaps are minimised;
- Providing technical guidance / coordination for nutrition cluster partners on the key technical nutrition intervention domains;
- Engaging key stakeholders from governments, national or international NGOs, UN agencies, and donors in the following activities:
 - Supporting nutrition cluster coordination processes at both the national and sub-national levels;
 - Coordinating identification of needs, responses and gaps;
 - Facilitating the development of a nutrition cluster emergency response strategy.

Information Management Officer (IMO)

The main purpose of IMOs is to support the GNC in effectively strengthening the capacity for country-level Cluster/Sectoral Information Management, by:

- Management of information on nutrition needs, responses and gaps;
- Strengthening local and national leadership and capacity by encouraging participation in IM activities;
- Timely and accurate reporting amongst cluster partners;
- Production and dissemination of information products (e.g. needs and activity summaries, maps of interventions and gaps, cluster website and contact lists).

Criteria and priorities for RRT deployment:

1. Emergencies with a system-wide scale up activation (former L3 emergencies);
2. Rapid onset emergencies or rapid deterioration of pre-existing situation;
3. Threat of forecast of scale-up activation;
4. Unpredictable and sudden loss of CC/IM capacity;
5. To strengthen underperforming CC/IM platforms.



What are the costs associated with a deployment of RRTs?

Cost sharing and cost recovery arrangements will be on a case-by-case basis for each deployment, with a cost estimate provided shortly after contacting the RRT. Countries/organizations will contribute to costs when they can, but this is not an impediment to support. Countries that cannot afford to contribute can continue to access support with the costs covered by UNICEF Switzerland.

What about support for UNICEF's own emergency response?

During deployment, the RRT is fully accommodated within the UNICEF operation. However, the RRT is not expected to support cluster-lead agency specific interventions. Support for UNICEF's own response can be sought from the Regional Emergency and Nutrition Advisor, NYHQ, staff on mis-sion from other UNICEF offices, other Standby Agreements, and external recruitment.

Does a contract need to be issued?

No contract needs to be issued. Terms of Reference (ToR) must be provided with the initial request, and the RRT personnel must be fully accommodated within the country operation (Official UN ID card; assigned supervisor; included in the organisational chart and security arrangements; induction briefings; necessary equipment and transportation). Generic ToRs to facilitate the development of specific ToRs and request forms are available on our website.

The RRT flyer is available on the GNC website:
https://www.nutritioncluster.net/RRT_Flyer

Please visit the GNC Deployment Dashboard for further information and analyses:
<https://www.nutritioncluster.net/Deployments>